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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 0726

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, CD
SUBJECT: SITUATION IN CHAD

1. AS IS SO OFTEN THE CASE, NOTHING IS HAPPENING IN
THE EYE OF THE HURRICANE. GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ANNOUNCED
THE FALL OF FAYA LARGEAU, NOR HAS IT PUBLICLY MENTIONED
POSSIBLE MALLOUM-QADHAFI MEETING OR CEASE FIRE. GOVERNMENT
AND ARMY APPEAR CALM WITH A QUOTE BUSINESS AS USUAL UNQUOTE
APPROACH, ALTHOUGH RADIO DID CALL FOR ALL DRAFT AGE YOUTHS
TO APPEAR AT CITY HALL TOMORROW, FEB. 21.

2. INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS CONFIRM THAT SOME SORT OF
MALLOUM-QADHAFI MEETING IS IN THE WORKS, BUT WHEN AND
WHERE ARE STILL UNCLEAR.

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3. ON MILITARY SIDE, COLUMN EVACUATING OUNIANGA KEBIR
APPEARS TO STILL BE IN TACT AND MAKING GOOD PROGRESS
(NOW SOME 100 KMS SOUTH OF FAYA LARGEAU). TWO SMALL GROUPS
OF SURVIVORS FROM FAYA HAVE MADE THEIR WAY TO NDJAMENA,
BUT DETAILS OF THE FALL OF FAYA ARE STILL UNKNOWN.BRADFORD
UNQUOTE VANCE

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